

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

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**DOCKET NO. 2014-299-E**

**Joint Petition of Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Reassignment of Territory in Saluda County and Approval of an Agreement to Limit Corridor Rights**

Mid-Carolina Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Mid-Carolina") and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G") (collectively, the "Petitioners") filed a Joint Petition with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") for the reassignment of certain territory in Saluda County, South Carolina and for approval of an agreement to eliminate "corridor rights" in the specified area. The Joint Petition was filed pursuant to The Territorial Assignment Act, S.C. Code Ann. §§58-27-610 to -690 (1976 & Supp. 2013).

The Joint Petition contains exhibits with maps reflecting the present and proposed reassigned areas in the affected portions of Saluda County. (Exhibit 1 ("Key Map") and Exhibits A1 – A3, B1 – B4, C2 – C4, and D2 – D3). According to the Joint Petition, the Key Map is the result of lengthy good faith negotiations between Mid-Carolina and SCE&G. The Key Map illustrates the following present and proposed reassignment of territories:

- On Exhibit 1, the territory shaded in light green is presently assigned to Mid-Carolina. On Exhibit 1, territory that is shaded in dark green is presently assigned to SCE&G, but the Petitioners request that the territory hereafter be reassigned to Mid-Carolina.
- On Exhibit 1, territory that is shaded in light red is presently assigned to SCE&G. On Exhibit 1, territory that is shaded in dark red is presently assigned to Mid-Carolina, but the Petitioners request that the territory hereafter be reassigned to SCE&G.

Regarding the corridor rights within the proposed reassigned areas, the Joint Petition states that the Petitioners own many miles of distribution lines that have "corridor rights"; therefore, by virtue of those corridor rights, each Petitioner is able to serve new customers located in territory assigned to another. However, as the Joint Petition reveals, in order to avoid wasteful duplication of electric distribution lines and appurtenant facilities and to better operate their distribution systems safely, the Petitioners have agreed that they will abandon said corridor rights and not assert a corridor right to serve a customer outside the territory assigned to that Petitioner as outlined in the Joint Petition. The Petitioners assert that the proposed reassignment of territories is in the public interest as the Petitioners have given careful consideration to system economy, service reliability and good utility practice, efficiency and safety.

A link to the Joint Petition and its maps are available for viewing on the Commission's homepage of its website.

A copy of the company's Joint Petition can be found on the Commission's website at [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) under Docket No. 2014-299-E. Additionally, a copy of the Joint Petition is available from the corporate office of K. Chad Burgess, Esquire and Matthew W. Gissendanner, Esquire, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company at MC C222, 220 Operation Way, Cayce, South Carolina, 29033 and J. David Black, Esquire, Nexsen Pruet, LLC, 1230 Main Street, Suite 700, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

A public hearing, if scheduled, will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in the offices of the Commission located at 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, for the purpose of receiving testimony and other evidence from all interested parties regarding this Application. The time and date of this hearing will be furnished to all interested parties at a later date.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **August 25, 2014**. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2014-299-E and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **August 25, 2014**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2014-299-E.***

For the most recent information regarding this docket, please refer to [www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and ***Docket No. 2014-299-E.***

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